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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4305

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF REFUGEE AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE POLICY
AND PROGRAMS OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REF: STATE 184567 (NOT SENT AMMAN)

1. BOTH EMBASSY AND UNRWA HEADQUARTERS WELCOME OCT 10-11
VISIT BY FS INSPECTOR STEIN TO BEIRUT FOR PURPOSE OF FAMILIARIZING
HIMSELF WITH UNRWA OPERATIONS AND LOCAL ATTITUDES RE PALESTINIAN
REFUGEE AFFAIRS. WE WILL SET UP APPROPRIATE PROGRAM FOR HIM,
ALTHOUGH OF COURSE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING IN LEBANON
RULE OUT ANY VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMPS HERE. (WE HOPE KNOWLEDGEABLE
DEPT. OFFICIALS WILL EXPLAIN TO STEIN SHY PHRASE, "UNRWA CAMP",
IS MINOMER, NOT ONLY HERE BUT THROUGHOUT UNRWA'S AREA OF
OPERATIONS.) COMGEN RENNIE WILL PROBABLY BE ON POINT OF
LEAVING FOR UNGA DEBATE IN NEW YORK, BUT HIS SENIOR ASSISTANTS
CAN BE COUNTED ON TO E AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

2. IF STEIN CAN FIT IT INTO HIS SCHEDULE, WOULD SUGGEST HIS
FAMILIARIZATION WITH UNRWA ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE ENHANCED
BY BRIEF SIDE-TRIP TO AMMAN, WHERE HE COULD EXAMINE ANOTHER
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IMPORTANT AREA OF UNRWA OPERATIONS AT FIRST HAND. HE COULD

THEN PROCEED TO WEST BANK AND ISRAEL TO RESUME HIS ITINERARY
THERE.

3. OCCURS TO US THAT, IN VIEW STEIN'S GENERAL INTEREST IN US-
SUPPORTED REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, HE WOULD ALSO BENEFIT
FROM EXPOSURE TO UNHCR AND WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
ACTIVITIES IN ME. WILL ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE THIS ASPECT IN HIS
SCHEDULE OF BRIEFINGS, ETC. HERE.

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